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In re Application of

Mark FREIER et al.

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AMENDMENT

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PETITION

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of January 3, 2006. A check in the amount of \$120.00 in payment of the government fee for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith so that the period for response is extended to May 3, 2006. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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## **RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.